

J. G. BUSTON TO CLOSE OUT HIS DAIRY BUSINESS

Has Sold Too Much Farm Land and Hasn't Enough Pasture Left For Cows—Will Devote Time to Farming.

It will be some surprise to the general public to hear that Mr. J. G. Buston will close the Sunrise Dairy, and discontinue business. He has reached this positive decision after due consideration. His reason for closing, as stated to a News man, is not that the business has not been profitable, but that, owing to having sold one of his grass farms he hasn't enough pasture land left to support the requisite number of cows. The overhead expense in handling a large number of cows is very little more than for a small number. Besides, the work is very confining and exacting. The dairyman has few opportunities for recreation or for visiting or anything else than right down at it every day and Sunday, too. And Mr. Buston says he is tired. And, so, his entire dairy herd and equipment is for sale. He will continue to live on the farm, raise and grow cattle, corn, alfalfa, etc.

Mr. Buston began the dairy business about five years ago. He has kept between fifty and seventy-five head of Jersey cows all the time. Last year, he says, his cows made about \$150.00 each. If he had 60 cows on the farm this would mean a nice little sum for milk alone of \$9,000.00. The income from the sale of calves, etc., has been considerable. In addition, he has greatly increased the producing capacity of his farm by the addition of a large quantity of manure from his barns. He has succeeded, and his retirement from the business is due solely to the fact that he has not room enough for pasture. It should be plainly stated, perhaps, that the farm is not for sale—only the dairy cattle, equipment, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Buston are thoroughly satisfied in their country home, and have no idea at present of moving to town.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

We bow our heads in grief at the death of our schoolmate, Lillian Ruth Gregory. In her death we have lost one of our sweetest, most affectionate and kindest pupils.

She was born January 1, 1903, died January 17, 1916, age 13 years and 17 days. She was taken ill with laryngitis. She was sick a little over a week and everything that could be, was done for her relief and recovery, but God, in his infinite wisdom, saw that it was best to take this sweet flower from earth to bloom in heaven. She was laid to rest in the cemetery near Shawvers Mills.

Ruth is missed in our school. She was always prompt and studied well. She was kind to the little ones, never forgetting to help them through in way she could. Those of us who have been her school-mates and looked upon her sweet face will thank God for such pleasant associations.

She was one of our most faithful scholars in Sunday School, always taking part in exercises of any kind with pleasure. We know that she is missed in the home, for the father and mother will look for the loved one's face and listen for the fall of her footsteps often times, but we will say to them that mourn her untimely death.

Don't be listening for her footsteps. In this earthly shore no more. For her Father's called her to him, And she has just gone on before.

HAZEL STOWERS,
(Her Schoolmate.)
Cove Creek, Va., Jan. 26.

Bob Hoback in Trouble in Bluefield.

Robert Hoback, well known here, is in trouble in Bluefield. The Telegraph of Tuesday morning contained the following:

Bob Hoback, arrested Saturday night and held to answer the charge of violating a city ordinance, and Van Henry, colored, another prisoner, who was serving a twenty-day sentence on the chain gang, escaped from the city bastle Sunday night about 10 o'clock. Hoback was the first to escape, and had been gone about thirty minutes before his absence was discovered. Sergeant White had gone into the jail to give one of the trustees some cigarette papers, and as he opened the door he saw Will Coffield, another negro prisoner, attempting to escape. Coffield had become fastened and was unable to move. Officer White closed the jail door and ran around back of the building just in time to see Henry dash into the alley running back of Bland street. The police were notified, but no trace of the man was found.

It was claimed by prisoners in the jail that Hoback had been given saws in the afternoon and about 9 o'clock he and Henry began to plan their escape. A window about three feet square at the back of the jail, and about twelve feet from the floor, was their only chance, and with the use of a hack-saw their escape was made easy. The bars were made of three-quarter inch iron and by sawing

three of the bars at the base and bending them a hole was made large enough to allow them to get through.

There was another charge pending against Hoback, for fighting, but for some reason he seemed to think that he was wanted for white slavery. The police are satisfied that the saws were handed Hoback by a visitor to the jail Sunday afternoon.


Chief of Police Morrisson issued instructions yesterday to the jailer that hereafter no person would be allowed to talk with any prisoner while in jail.

"FOR HEAVENS SAKE DONT TELL IT."

Under date of January 15, 1916, a good friend of this paper and a well known former Tazewell woman, now living in a distant state, says: "Enclosed find money order for Clinch Valley News. I would write more, but my hand seems to be nervous. Strangely, is it not? I am only 67 years old on the 4th, but for heavens sake dont tell it. Wishing all a prosperous, happy year," etc.

Now, why should this good woman wish her age kept secret? Only 67 years old! Why, she should now be enjoying the finest, ripest and richest experiences of her life!

PROHIBITION ORATOR



HON. JOHN G. WOOLLEY
The Famous Orator who will Lecture in the Presbyterian Church Tonight

LAST MEMBER OF FAMILY.

Frank Carter Was Third to Meet a Tragic Death.

(Graham Daily News.)

Frank Carter, who died Sunday night at the Bluefield Sanitarium, from injuries received at Falls Mills Sunday when he was jerked under passenger train No. 2, was the third of the family to meet a tragic death. About seventeen years ago, his father, Tom Carter, was shot and killed at Flat Top Yards by a Norfolk and Western pumper by the name of Gentry. Gentry was sentenced to a term in the Virginia penitentiary, where he died. The tragedy took place in F. D. Morning's store. Will Carter son of Tom Carter, and brother of Frank, was killed by being hit by a freight train at Flat Top about eight years ago. The accident occurred about forty steps from the spot where his father had been shot. Frank, who was fatally injured by being jerked under the wheels of No. 2 Sunday, was the last member of the family. The young man was twenty-two years of age and unmarried. He was employed for a time on the painting gang of O. N. Edmonds.

He made his home with his grandmother, Mrs. Morris, mother of Sam Morris, of Falls Mills. Sunday it is said that young Carter in company with another young man, attempted to catch No. 2 as the train was passing the Falls Mills station. He missed his hold and was thrown under the train, his right leg being crushed off and one arm badly mashed, besides receiving other injuries. He was taken to the Bluefield sanitarium on No. 2 and died at midnight Sunday night.

CHARLES CHASE.

A recent issue of this paper carried an account of the killing of Charles Chase, the young negro chauffeur of Mrs. Walter Dickenson, of Russell. The clipping was taken from the Lebanon News, in which the statement occurred that Chase was an impudent negro and other things said reflecting upon the character of the dead boy. Mrs. Walter Dickenson, in an article published in last weeks issue of the Lebanon News, strongly denies that Chase was "impudent," and gives him a splendid character, and deeply deplored his death. Mrs. Dickenson has known this boy and his family for years, and knows where she speaks. Mrs. A. S. Higginbotham, Mrs. Dickenson's daughter, fully corroborates her mother's estimate of the boy's character, and with her mother and the entire family and many of the best people in Mrs. Dickenson's community, deplore the untimely, cruel, uncalled for murder of the boy. It appears that the killing of Chase was not the first time the man Boyd had used his gun with fatal effect, if reports be true.

The Clinch Valley News would gladly publish Mrs. Dickenson's article in full, but the paper containing it was mislaid.

CEMETERY BAZAAR WAS BEST SINCE ORGANIZED

Annual Report of Association Shows What Has Been Accomplished the Past Year. Plans for Future Work.

If you have been keeping up with the work of the Cemetery Improvement Association you will note, with pride, that this last was the most successful bazaar since its organization. This success was due to the splendid generosity of the people of the town and county, and to the good management and hard work of the Vice-President and her committee. We thank you, friends, for standing by us in our annual benefit.

When all collections are in, the debt that has seemed such a mountain before us, will be removed, and we will then be free to work out such plans as will be justified by the income from lot sales. We can safely promise some improvements during the spring and summer.

If you are down at Maple Cemetery walk up to the colored section and see what they have done. Our public spirited colored people will not be behind with this good work.

We ask for your loyal co-operation during this year. If we should produce a plan that seems to you, a mistake, come and tell us so. We are open to conviction, and wish to represent the people in their desires. The annual meeting affords the best opportunity for the free discussion of the year's policy. It is open to all members and friends of the Association. We wish you would come.

And you know, dear folks, how a few words of commendation will repay for years work—hard, but pleasant and mighty satisfying. Well, if you think we have done, or tried to do, the best we could you might tell us that, too.

SALLIE HARRISON.

President for 1915.

Receipts and Disbursements of the Tazewell Cemetery Association.

Receipts.

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| To Cash in bank Jan. 12, 15, .. | \$66.92 |
| Sale of lots, .. | 205.25 |
| Rent for land, 1914, .. | 50.00 |
| Lot for rent, 1915, .. | 46.61 |
| Rummage Sale, .. | 38.40 |
| Dues for 1915, \$1 each, .. | 29.00 |
| Back dues paid 1913-14, .. | 20.00 |
| Dues for 1916, .. | 7.00 |
| Balance from Bazaar, 1914, .. | 10.86 |
| Bazaar, 1915, .. | 354.72 |
| Wall and fence fund, .. | 50.00 |
| | \$916.76 |

Disbursements.

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| Geo. W. Gillespie for land, .. | \$600.00 |
| Joe Witten for work, .. | 141.70 |
| A. J. May, agt., bal. due 15, .. | 22.00 |
| Alex Sayers, fence work, bal. due, .. | 18.00 |
| Stamps, .. | 3.00 |
| W. G. O'Brien, printing, .. | 2.00 |
| W. E. Peery, grass seed, .. | 2.80 |
| H. W. Pobst, bazar, ex. 1914, .. | 1.05 |
| C. V. News, printing, .. | 3.50 |
| V. L. Stephenson, lumber and labor 1914, .. | 8.00 |
| Wynn and Stephenson, lumber for bazaar, 1915, .. | 4.16 |
| Wynn and Stephenson, bazaar labor, .. | 4.75 |
| Treasurer of Virginia, registration fee, .. | 5.00 |
| | \$815.76 |
| Bal. in bank Jan. 11, 1916, .. | 100.80 |
| | \$916.76 |

Officers of the Association.

President, Mrs. Lena Hall.

Vice-President, Mrs. S. P. Harrison.

Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Harman.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. I. Painter.

Board of managers, Mrs. G. W. St. Clair, Mrs. A. J. Tynes, and Miss Jessie O'Keeffe.

Mr. A. St. Clair and J. W. Chapman were elected as advisory committee.

ROBERT STEELE DEAD.

Robert Steele, perhaps the oldest citizen of the county, died on Monday at his home near Steelsburg. The burial took place on Wednesday. Interment was made at Steele's chapel. His wife preceded him to the grave about seven years. Two sons and two daughters survive, viz: A. L. Steele, of Rockbridge, S. S. Steele, of Fauquier county, and Mrs. Belle Gray-bell, of Williamsburg, W. Va., and Mrs. W. C. Witten, of Steelsburg, at whose home he died.

There seems to be no exact record of the age of the deceased. Judging from best information he was about 94 years old. He had been a strong, vigorous man all his life, a consistent member of the Methodist church and an upright citizen of his county.

The funeral was conducted by presiding elder Hurley.

The Steele's were among the earlier settlers of the county. The family came from some point on the Potomac river. Deceased's grandfather settled in the neighborhood of Steelsburg, and here his father was reared from boyhood, and here Robert Steele was born, lived and died. "The links that bind us" to the past, are breaking and falling away.

New York man—Are you going to be at home this evening?

New York girl—Why should I? I feel perfectly well—Ex.

A Birthday Party.

Last Friday morning the hearts of forty-five of the dearest and sweetest little lads and lassies in Tazewell were made glad by receiving little cards bearing the following lines:

Please, come to my Birthday Party, On Saturday, half past one; I'll take you first to the matinee, And after the show is done, You're still my guests at home, you see,

For the merry games and fun, Jewel Jessamine Kendrick.

When Saturday, January 22, (1916) dawned, it was found to be gloomy and inauspicious, raining almost continuously throughout the day. Yet, while others may have considered the afternoon a dreary and cheerless one, little Jewel Jessamine's home on Main Street was flooded with sunshine—the sunshine that emanates from radiant eyes, rosy lips and happy, childish laughter. This large assemblage of beautiful children in their dainty party dresses, would have delighted the eyes of an artist.

First, the small hostess examined and admired the many charming and desirable gifts that her little friends brought her to render her ninth birthday a happy and memorable one; and then she conducted her guests to the matinee, where they enjoyed two long, blissful hours. A special program had been arranged for them by Lieutenant Gammon, the genial and cultured manager of the Tazewell theatre. He also assisted Jewel Jessamine in entertaining her little friends at her home later on. His extensive travels and twenty years residence in the mystic lands of the Orient have endowed him with an inexhaustible fund of delightful experiences, absorbingly interesting to both young and old, who are so fortunate as to form his acquaintance.

At home once more and all the little ones were ready and eager for refreshments. Misses Margaret and Anne Byrd Walker, Mary and Martha Coulling served candies, cake, nuts and fruits; and when these were finished, all eyes were centered on the large birthday cake with its nine little pink candles on a table decorated with a beautiful lace cover, and a great vase of pink carnations. Oh, how interested were they in the ceremony of cutting this cake to find the ring, dime and darning needle hidden therein!

Master John Ellis Jackson secured the ring; therefore, according to the time-honored belief, he will be the first of them all to marry. Soon little Rosalind St. Clair, tossing back her beautiful curls joyously, exclaimed: "I have the dime! Shall be richer than any of you some day." And then, to her utter consternation, Miss Mary Coulling found the darning needle; so, of course (?) she will have to be "an old maid."

But the most interesting feature of the afternoon's entertainment seemed to be in the blackboard contest, "Putting a Coin in the Blind Man's Hat." For a half hour this created perfect gales of merriment. The prizes offered in this contest, (two handsome boxes of candy), were won by Miss Martha Coulling and Miss Lena Greever.

At twilight all the children gathered around their little hostess to bid her goodbye, thanking her for their delightful afternoon and wishing her many happy returns of the day. At last little Miss Sammie Scott, very prettily and gracefully voiced the sentiments of them all by saying: "This is certainly the most splendid birthday party I have ever known."

When all was over, little Jewel Jessamine said with a sigh of supreme content, "As long as I live I can never have a happier birthday than this."

D. C. K.

Tazewell, Va., Jan. 25, 1916.

TEA ROOM OPEN.

The tea room will be open on Saturday, the 29th, (tomorrow), from 3:30 to 5 p. m. Refreshments will be served, consisting of a salad course, 25c. Tea and sandwiches, 10c.

MRS. P. D. JOHNSTON, in charge.

NO RACE SUICIDE AT YUKON.

The following interesting facts were reported in this office recently by Mr. A. M. Millard, who obtained the facts from a member of his family: One Mr. Ratliff, a widower, with 8 children, married, about a year ago, a widow, who had five children, making 13 in the family—an odd and unlucky number. A week or so ago Mrs. Ratliff presented her husband with trip-lets thus evening up the number, 8 and 8, and now everybody is happy.

PLEASE READ THE FIGURES ON YOUR LABEL.

The figures opposite your name on your paper shows the month and year to which your subscription has been paid, according to our records. Look at your dates on this paper. If not according to your receipt or other record notify us at once. We have tried our best to have these dates correct, but in the rush may have made mistakes. These figures show whether we owe you or you owe us. Please examine these dates now, before you lay this paper down,

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS WILL BE HERE TONIGHT

Hon. John G. Woolley, Once Candidate for President on Prohibition Ticket and Dr. Morrow To Make Addresses.

The opportunity to become acquainted with and hear men and women of national reputation, doesn't often come to the inhabitants of small inland towns and counties, except to those citizens who find it convenient to visit the large cities. The people of Tazewell, within the past few years have been rather more highly favored than have many of the smaller towns. We have heard, on our own soil, Mr. Bryan, Henry Watterson, Bob Burdette, the Taylors, Stuarts, General Gordon and others, of equal merit, if not quite so famous.

Another rare opportunity to see and hear two great men is immediate. The Honorable John G. Woolley and Dr. Morrow, two men of national reputation, and great orators are in our midst and will be heard tonight in the Presbyterian church.

Most well informed people have heard of and read of John G. Woolley. For more than 25 years he has, by voice and pen, fought for nationwide prohibition, and its final accomplishment, which is an assured fact, "and in sight," will be due to the work of John G. Woolley as much or more, perhaps, than to any other man.

Wendell Phillips was anti-slavery, and dedicated his wonderful abilities patiently and effectively for decades to its overthrow. Woolley is anti-liquor, and no less vigorously and effectively is hurling himself and all his forces to the overthrow of the liquor traffic.

There should be a great audience—a capacity audience, at the Presbyterian church tonight to hear the two great speakers. Dr. Morrow is a minister, "earnest, energetic, and forceful." Dr. Barkley, of Detroit, says of him: "I have heard him before great audiences, and he was like a lion waked out of a great sleep."

All seats are free tonight. All are welcome. Admission free.

THE WEEK'S DOINGS AT POUNDING MILL.

Mr. Benjamin Riley is very ill of kidney and bladder trouble at the home of his son, Alex Riley.

Mr. Floyd McGuire, of Pounding Mill Branch, was a visitor to the city Monday. He is looking well.

Mrs. W. B. Johnson, wife of the Bluefield engineer, came down yesterday to see her sister, Mrs. James Johnson, who is ill with the grip.

Mrs. Mary O'Keeffe, of Tazewell, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. K. Gillespie today. One of the children has been sick.

Mr. Pettis, who has had the grip for sometime, is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Altizer and children spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Altizer at Pounding Mill.

Mrs. W. B. Steele celebrated her birthday Sunday by visiting her mother, Mrs. Jane A. McGuire at Cedar Bluff.

Wm. Asbury and little son, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Asbury at Richlands.

James Neel visited Sunday his sisters, the Misses Neel, at Richlands. These young ladies attend the High School at that place.

Mrs. T. A. Repass and daughter, Miss Estelle, of Indian, spent today with their cousin, Mrs. W. B. Steele.

George Hurt has returned from Richmond, where he went to be treated for stomach trouble. Mrs. Margaret E. McGuire, of Indian, his aunt, accompanied him and was operated on at the Johnston-Willis hospital for gall-stones. Seven hundred and sixty-five gallstones were removed, and she hopes to be home next week to the delight of her many relatives and friends. Her son, Dr. John McGuire, of Richmond and daughter, Mrs. Watt Fugate and Miss Sadie McGuire, were with her for several days.

Mrs. Craig and little son, Robert, have lagrippe.

W. R. Sparks, who was operated on ten days ago for appendicitis, at Dante, is recovering. The operation was kept secret from his mother, Mrs. Martha Sparks and his brothers, and sisters. His little brother, Norman, aged about 12, who has been very ill the past week with the grip, and stomach trouble, is better.

Miss Marie Maxwell has lagrippe at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Martha Sparks.

Mrs. Ma'tie Ringstaff and two pretty children went to Richlands this afternoon to spend a couple of days with her brother, William Ringstaff and family.

Mrs. H. W. Christian and daughter, Miss Gussie, have been on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. Witten, of Witten Mills, is visiting her sister, Mr. Julia Williams and family today. All have recovered from recent illness.

Lena Altizer, the little 12-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Altizer, is quite ill.

Miss Rebekah Davis has decided to be more sensible and ride astride. The side saddle is now a thing of the past in these parts.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gillespie and several of the children have been laid up with the grip.

CAR OF POWDER BLOWS UP ON BLUEFIELD YARDS

In Terrific Explosion, Thirty Are Injured — Accident Occurred On East End Yard, Caused By Shifting Car.

A number of persons were injured, several seriously, Wednesday night, when a car load of black powder was blown up on the yards at Bluefield. The accident is said to have been caused by shifting car striking the car of black powder with such force that it was exploded. Three cars containing dynamite were on a nearby siding, but Bluefield firemen succeeded in removing them to a place of safety. The explosion occurred about a mile and a half from the business section. The shock was felt for miles and hundreds of windows in the vicinity were broken.

The explosion occurred about seven o'clock. A number of boys, who were in the road on Mechanics avenue observed a peculiar red glare in the east about that time, and the remark was made at the time that it was likely caused by an explosion of powder.

The Telegraph of yesterday has this to say of the accident:

"The explosion occurred about seven o'clock, fifty feet from the second bridge on the road to Princeton, near the cab track, and its force was felt for miles around. Many windows within a radius of more than two miles were shattered, telephone and telegraph poles were blown down and even posts of fences in the immediate neighborhood of the explosion were uprooted.

Of the five men taken to the hospitals, conductor C. R. Branscombe was the most seriously injured. He was severely cut and burned about the head and body. Brakeman J. H. Bowling, of this city; C. E. Akers, of Salem, Va., and two men named Burke and Johnson were also burned and cut by the flying debris. Conductor Branscombe's home is in Dugspur, Va. Several others called at the hospitals to have their injuries treated, but later left for home.

"The powder was being shipped from the Nemours plant of the I. E. DuPont De Nemours Powder Co., to a point in Florida and the train to which the car was attached was being made up together with another train freight on an adjoining tract, when the explosion occurred.

THOMPSON VALLEY NEWS.

Rev. W. C. Thompson filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon. There will be a revival meeting held here soon, by Rev. Mr. Shannon and Rev. Mr. Thompson.

Misses Margaret and Grace Buchanan were the guests of Susie Crabtree Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Susie Cregar and S. F. L. Wimmer were the guests of friends and relatives in Graham last week.

Mr. Wimmer recently purchased a farm near Lynchburg, and expects to be in Tazewell only until the weather is favorable for beginning work on his new farm. The people of this community will regret to give him up.

Puckett, Matthews & Company have recently purchased a store in Graham.

Miss Carrie Cregar and her brother, Joe, were the guests of Mrs. C. B. Blevins Sunday.

C. W. Mathews, of Graham, recently spent a few days with relatives here.

IS BROTHER CANNON SCARED?

(From Staunton News.)

There are only two reasons why the prohibitionist should not want a law permitting the shipment and consumption of a certain amount of liquor by individuals. Either the prohibitionists do not favor real stringent prohibition in Virginia, and would regulate only the sale and not the use of liquor, or they admit, by implication, that the Demon Rum is an evil only relatively and proportionately. Either they do not believe a real prohibition law could possibly be enforced in Virginia, or they are willing for every citizen to drink liquor to a limited amount.

If we are to allow every man to have whiskey shipped into the state for his personal use in any quantity at any time, the majority of men will find easy and abundant means to get as much shipped as they wish and at any time they wish.

Let us have one thing or the other, gentlemen, let us either be honestly "dry" or honestly "wet."

CASEY PURE-BRED SEED CORN.

Several parties have spoken for seed corn. Please send in your order at once, stating quantity wanted. The price is \$2.50 per bushel at the crib, carefully selected, nubbed and shelled. Corn guaranteed pure-bred and all right. Supply limited. J. A. Leslie.

WE BELIEVE

I believe in my work, in two satisfaction of cleanliness, in the happiness and healthfulness of clean clothes. I believe the sun still shines on us. I believe I have the most modern and best equipped shop and that I do the best work.

I believe I can prove all I claim if you will give me a chance to do your work.

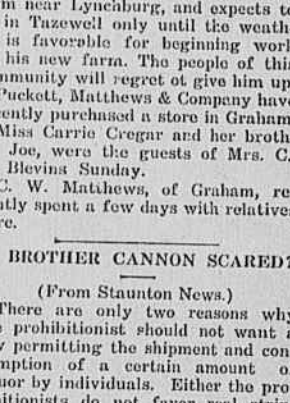
ALEXANDER DICKENSON,
The Leading Cleaner and Presser,
Tazewell, Va.

METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY.

There will be preaching in the Main Street Methodist church here Sunday, Rev. Dr. Bullard, of the Christian church, having consented to fill the appointment for Mr. Platt, who is in the revival with Mr. Thompson at North Tazewell.

The revival meeting at North Tazewell continues with interest. Services are held at 11 o'clock, three o'clock and seven o'clock. Rev. W. C. Thompson will preach at the three services. The afternoon service will be for men only. A very cordial invitation is extended to every one of both congregations to attend these services. The revival has been in progress for two weeks and the measure of good accomplished is evident. But larger things are expected and the particular attention of the people is called to these services. Services have been conducted every evening at 6:45. In addition, prayer meetings at K. P. hall and for women at the church have been held. There will be no services Saturday. The above mentioned prayer meetings will be held Friday, at 3:15 and the service at 6:45 Friday night. Announcements for the following week will be heard at the services Sunday. Remember that you are invited. Sunday School at the usual hour at North Tazewell.

PROHIBITION ORATOR



DR. GEO. W. MORROW
To Be Heard in the Presbyterian Church Tonight.

VIRGINIA BANKS IN GOOD SHAPE.

C. C. Barksdale, State bank examiner, filed his annual report with the State Corporation Commission Wednesday. It shows that not a dollar was lost to depositors in State banks and not a single state bank closed its doors during the year 1915.

The new town of Hopewell is given the credit in the report of increasing the business of the four banks in Petersburg.

There are 271 State banks, seven of which are operated by the colored people. The aggregate surplus in the banks is \$8,111,853.38 and the aggregate of all deposits to November 10, 1915, was \$61,403,531.37.

The buildings owned by State banks are valued at \$2,506,715.54, while the aggregate value of real estate owned is \$957,298.32.

The increase in deposits in the State banks last year was \$3,043,115.65, while the increase in deposits of national banks in the State was \$8,069,554.13.

The State banks made loans and gave discounts aggregating \$66,831,794.44.

LITTLE BOY RUN OVER

and tell your mother I have just received my new line of wall paper for 1916, embracing all the latest styles, from 5c per roll up. Estimates furnished cheerfully. J. Frank Alexander.

WILL NOT MAKE SPRING SEASON IN TAZEWELL

Owing to the change of ownership of Rex Sterling, he will not make the spring season in Tazewell as advertised.

H. S. LEFLER

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY GIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

The Tazewell Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy gave a most enjoyable entertainment on the night of the 21st inst in the Womens Club room.

This was given, not only to celebrate General Jackson's birthday, but to raise money to answer the many calls the daughters are always receiving for help.

Sometime ago, the Tazewell chapter offered \$5.00 in gold to the High School pupil who would write the best essay on "Virginia's Part in the Making of the Nation."

The program of the evening was as follows:

Vocal solo, Miss Nita Peery.

Violin solo, Miss Blanche Hurley.

Vocal solo, Mrs. A. S. Higginbotham.

Reading, Miss Bowen.

Quartet, Messrs. Shell Surface, Walter Steele, Conrad Tynes, and Mose Hankins.

Violin solo, Miss Louise Witten.

Prize Essay, read by Dr. Bullard.

Vocal solo, Mr. Barns Moore.

Reading, Mrs. Barns Gillespie.

Recitation, Little Jessamine Kendrick.

Dixie, By all.